

WHERE OIL BUBBLES

Tyler County Comes to the Front With Another Good Strike.

VICTOR OIL COMPANY'S BOWMAN

Comes in and is Reported as Good for Twenty Barrels an Hour—Wheeling People Hold the Lease on a Large Adjoining Tract—Late News from the Waverly Field—Combustion of Supply Companies—Other Oil News.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Jan. 17.—Another new pool has been opened up in this section and to-night the oil men are jubilant. Last evening the Victor Oil Company drilled their No. 1 on the Bowman farm, in the back part of Tyler county, to the top of the sand and it commenced to gush a little oil and had a strong flow of gas.

To-day the well was drilled deeper and a report from it this evening is to the effect that it is making ten barrels an hour. This is a very important strike, as it opens up a lot of territory which heretofore was thought to be condemned.

One nice thing about this strike is that the territory in that vicinity is divided up into small leases and they are held by a large number of people. This well is located about one-fourth of a mile from the well recently drilled in on the Anthony Smith farm, which was dry.

(Wheeling people were interested in this discovery, as they hold 536 acres of adjoining property. Dr. Storer, Dr. Stathers, Dr. C. W. Frizzell, Arthur Hubbard, C. R. Hubbard and others are the owners of the lease.)

A BIG SUPPLY COMPANY.

The National Absorbs Two Ohio Oil Supply Concerns—Has Many Branches.

Final arrangements have been made whereby the Buckeye Supply Company and the Shaw, Kendall Companies, of Toledo, Ohio, were merged into the National Supply Company, of Pittsburgh. The big concern is operated under a West Virginia charter, and has a capital stock of \$1,000,000, with headquarters and main offices in Pittsburgh.

The National was organized a year and a half ago and has branch offices in all the leading oil towns in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Buckeye Supply Company has been in existence for about ten years and had branches in twenty-one towns throughout Ohio and Indiana. The Shaw, Kendall Company has been in operation as manufacturers for about twenty-five years, and has the largest jobbing trade of any firm in the west.

The amalgamation of the three big concerns is a combination which will be operated under one head, and the names of its officers and board of directors are a guarantee of its solidity. All are thoroughly familiar with the oil well supply business and by merging their forces are more thoroughly equipped to supply the wants of the trade.

A WAVERLY STRIKE

At a Well on the Pollock Farm Controlled by Wheeling People.

Last evening the news reached this city that the well on the Pollock farm, in the Waverly field, in Pleasant county, had come in and would make a fair producer at the least calculation. The report received from the well was to the effect that it had filled up with oil. The strike was made in the shallow Cow run sand and should it not prove a paying producer in that formation it can be drilled deeper to the lower formations. Messrs. Digby, Bachman, Henning, Thornton and others, are interested in this well.

The Reed well has been a topic of some interest for several days. It is promised that it will reach the sand to-day, when its fate will be known. It is in the Waverly field, near the Preachers' well.

Eureka Situation.

The Ruckman well, at Eureka, was drilling in the shell on top of the Berea grit at noon Thursday. At least such was the latest report, and when last heard from had not broken through. The next twenty-four hours should settle its fate one way or another. Some of the talent have been on the anxious seat down that way and unless something is soon developed there promises to be several serious cases of nervous prostration. Since the Ruckman well has been "holding fire" some of the investors in territory in that locality are wishing they had a string on their money. Several leases were taken and high money paid for them since the Ruckman well made its big splash last Sunday and then quit.

That Kyle Well.

A report was current and had been pretty generally circulated to the effect that the Devonian Oil Company's well on the Kyle farm, on Indian creek, Tyler county, had increased its production to 250 barrels an hour. A telegram from that region states that the well is holding up at 10 barrels an hour.

Marshall County Oil Notes

Jolly Bros. have a fishing job on hands at their well at Limestone. The tools got fast on Wednesday night. The well is drilled to a depth of 1,400 feet.

The Volger Oil Company had a meeting yesterday afternoon at Moundsville.

The timber for the rig of the North Penn Company's well, to be put down on the Rogers farm, north of Moundsville, are being gotten out and will soon be on the ground ready to begin work.

An application for a charter will soon be applied for by a syndicate operating in the Waverly field, composed of Wheeling and Moundsville parties.

BELMONT COUNTY CRIMINALS

Indicted by the Grand Jury, Which Finished Its Labors Friday.

The Belmont county grand jury finished its labors yesterday. About 275 witnesses were examined and 73 indictments found. The following are a portion of the true bills:

John Stroble, attempting to bribe a voter.

Arthur Crimmell and William Oliver, burglary and larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Thomas W. Morrison, larceny.

Fred Clark, assault and battery.

William Wiley, furnishing liquor to minor.

William McKnight, burglary.

Emil Schmidt, keeping gambling place.

Thomas Morrison, petit larceny.

Luther Gibson, robbery.

Frank Patterson, assault and battery.

Alex. Patterson, carrying concealed weapons.

Frank Horn, carrying concealed weapons.

Frank Good, Daniel McCloud, killing a domestic animal.

Samuel F. Kuhn, malicious destruction of property.

Not true bills—J. L. Hervey, W. D. Hoge, David Foster, Joseph Pennington, Frank Anthony, S. Richards, John Song (Chinese laundryman), Thomas Perkins, John Duran, Thomas McKee, Steve Holland, William Moffat, Frank Cook, William Brown, Fred Taylor, W. S. Meers, Frank Wigginton, Emil Schmidt, Elias Bowen, Charles Wigginton, Bert Harris, Emma A. Cons, Alex. Patterson, Samuel Mayhue and Frank Horn.

Gilks—what are left of them are still being sold at half price.

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TREND OF TRADE.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review—A Perplexing Situation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, which issues to-morrow, will say:

The situation could hardly be more perplexing for business men. Practical merchants, manufacturers and bankers can have little sympathy for those who minimize their difficulties. No one doubts that the government will raise money to meet obligations, but how far the money market will be disturbed or the treasury reserves diminished none can say. The business world cannot know as yet how far foreign questions may upset calculations, though there seems every reason to expect peaceful settlement. It cannot know what may be the duties on any important class of imports a month hence, whether imports are likely to exceed exports and draw away gold, whether the deficit of revenue will continue, or what other taxation will be levied. Features of the senate thus far to take any action upon financial measures proposed by the President or those passed by the house affects unfavorably all branches of business.

Speculation in products was not very active and wheat was practically unchanged.

Corn receipts were also liberal and exports about five times last year's.

No branch of manufacture has progressed, for all are unavoidably ailing, both for settlement of financial doubts and for a demand which does not yet appear.

The pig iron output weekly January 1, was 207,451 tons, a decrease of 9,316 or 4.3 per cent in December and unsold stocks increased 91,125 tons, or over 20,000 weekly, while the great steel companies whose stocks are not reported, produced in December 312,000 tons. The production is so far beyond the present demand for finished products that temporary stoppage of many furnaces is expected. Yet pig iron is higher, bessemer about 50c, and gray forge and anthracite 25c, although finished products are generally weaker with less demand.

Controllers of the coke and ore output are said to have agreed to maintain prices above those of 1895, which means dearer pig iron, but if orders for finished products do not materially increase the advance in materials can hardly be maintained.

Failures for the past week have been much larger in magnitude, numbering 395 in the United States, against 373 last year, and 81 in Canada, against 69 last year.

State Supreme Court.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 17.—The supreme court met to-day and handed down the following:

Ashecraft, Zin & Co. vs. Riggs, Marshall county, petition for appeal and writ of certiorari refused.

Williams, et al. vs. Wirt county, petition for appeal refused; Senmon, et al. vs. Tallman, Roane county, petition for appeal and supersedeas refused; John Sanders vs. Ohio River railroad, Mason county, writ of error and supersedeas allowed, bond \$100; C. C. Miller vs. J. E. Clendenin, et al., Mason county, writ of error allowed, bond \$200; Holbert vs. Vannort, Gilmer county, petition for appeal and supersedeas refused; Monongah Coal and Coke Co. vs. John A. Fleming, et al., from Harrison county, appeal allowed, bond \$200; Mary Bostwick vs. C. O. Railway Company, Fayette county, petition for writ of error refused; Hill et al. vs. Lockhart, Wirt county, petition for prohibition argued and submitted.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats.

The River Interest.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

Parkersburg, LIBERTY, 11 a. m.

The Lexington will not come out until next week.

The Liberty came up from Clarksburg last night, arriving shortly after midnight.

The island float of the ferry is high and dry on the island shore in pretty bad shape.

The Clarksburg boat, Jewel, will not resume next Monday. She is rather light to fight the ice.

The first sternwheeler that ever navigated the Allegheny river was in 1832. She was named Allegheny.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 4 feet 5 inches and slowly falling. Weather, cloudy and warmer. Indications favoring rain.

The ice in the river is now very thin and not much of it. The warm weather of the last two days has got in its work in good shape.

The first Pittsburgh coal to arrive in New Orleans in the past ten months, reached there Thursday. It was the tow of the Elmer E. Wood.

An old time river captain writes the Times-Star that the slowest time ever made between New Orleans and St. Louis was made by the Maid of Iowa in 1846. She was bought by the Mormons for the special purpose of taking them up the river. She made the trip in thirty days.

Captain John K. Booth, of the Liberty, went in the city yesterday and decided to bring out the Liberty for Parkersburg this morning. She will depart at her regular hour, 11 a. m. and has offerings that will insure a good trip.

Captain Booth says that though the shore ice is rather bad in several places he will be able to make all landings, with the exception of two or three. This will be the first boat out of Wheeling since last week.

Rivermen are making a united "kick" against the exorbitant wharfage rates charged by the Wheeling authorities.

An interesting article regarding a case to test the matter, in a suit brought to collect wharfage under the present rates against a prominent steamboat captain will be found elsewhere in this paper.

At the rates described in this article Wheeling ought to have her wharf paved with pressed brick. As it is it is about the roughest and poorest kept wharf along the river, says the Clarksburg Independent, and that's no joke.

Captain Booth, of the Liberty, is telling of the Morgan raid in '63, yesterday afternoon. It was then the command of the Allegheny Belle, which had been impressed into government service.

The morning the "confederate" tried to get across the river at Buffington's Island, his boat was tied up at the foot of the island, and many of the invaders got across into Virginia during the fog of the early morning. He saw many of them swimming across just as the fog was lifting. The union forces had a big flotilla of steamers, each having one or two pieces of artillery, and with these the attempt of Morgan to cross to Virginia was frustrated. Morgan, too, had artillery, but as the pieces could not be depressed greatly they could not be brought to bear on the Allegheny Belle, which escaped without a scratch.

Pittsburgh—River 3.7 feet and stationary at the dam. Weather clear and warm.

Greensboro—River 7 feet 2 inches and falling. Fair and thawing.

Warren—River 17 inches and falling. Clear and cold.

Morgantown—River frozen. Clear and warmer. Ice melting.

Oil City—River 2 feet 3 inches and falling. Weather clear and mild.

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ONE CONVENTION IDEA.

Ex-Chairman Cowden Gives Some Strong Reasons in Support of It—Necessity for Organization.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—Chairman Dawson this morning invites consideration of the question of holding one or two conventions to choose delegates to the national convention, and nominate state candidates. Since the personal expenses of the delegates will aggregate a large sum, probably \$5,000, strong reasons should be given to justify the holding of two conventions and the duplicating of this expense.

Such reasons do not occur to me. The rules of the national committee require that delegates shall be chosen at least thirty days before the date of the national convention—June 15th, and that the district delegates shall be chosen by conventions held in the several districts. Why cannot one convention be held about May 14th and transact all the business required? If the committee would meet soon and fix a date all aspirants for the honors would have timely notice and plan accordingly. The convention in the districts could at one meeting select their two delegates and nominate a candidate for Congress. Their work would be light since it now looks as if the present representatives will be renominated without opposition, unless in one district. In this district I think we could meet and re-nominate Captain Dwyer in about fifteen minutes, and a second convention for that purpose would be a waste of time.

The convention that nominates the state ticket also names the central committee, and this committee selects the executive committee which conducts the campaign. The necessity of having two conventions is apparent. The active work of the campaign need not be commenced until a later fixed date, just as the Ohio Republicans did last year, but the real effective work, that of organization, should be commenced at once and pushed day and night.

The convention of clubs will be held in Charleston in March. Let this be a full meeting of earnest workers that will spread enthusiasm all over the state; then let one for all other purposes be held in Wheeling about May 14th. I suggest that the money saved by this plan be then paid to the state committee and it would enable it to conduct an effective campaign from start to finish.

Very respectfully,

W. J. W. COWDEN.

Wheeling, Jan. 17th.

GERMAN REICHSTAG.

Kant's Grain Monopoly Bill is Finally Rejected.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The debate on Count Von Kant's proposal that the government should establish a monopoly for the sale of grain was resumed in the reichstag to-day. Herr Ratzel, the Polish leader, concurred in the views of the subject taken by the minister for foreign affairs, Baron Bismarck, and voted against the National Liberals who claimed that the National Liberals would vote against the motion which, he added, was opposed to both the spirit and the letter of existing commercial treaties.

Prince Hohenlohe submitted the draft of a new civil code to complete the unification of German jurisprudence. After the resumption of the discussion of Count Von Kant's motion, the Prussian minister of husbandry, Baron Von Hammerstein-Loxten, said that the attempt to establish fixed prices had been made repeatedly in most diverse times and had always had most serious consequences. In his opinion, the motion for a government monopoly for the sale of grain would be a step towards socialism.

The motion was finally rejected by a vote of 219 to 57.

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"The Courier of Lyons."

Next Tuesday evening James O'Neill will present at the Wheeling Opera House "The Lesurques Case." ("The Courier of Lyons.") Both lawyers and laymen have heard of the famous "Lesurques Case." It is recorded in the criminal history of France as the most fascinating case that ever occupied the attention of any court. Over that a brilliant play has been constructed, which is an important feature in Mr. O'Neill's repertoire. The story hinges on the fatal resemblance between an honest man and a bandit. It is staged in a sumptuous manner, and interpreted by a capable company. The sale of seats opens at House's music store this morning.

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August H. Runge, who has filled this responsible position for several years with so much credit to himself and to the city, was born in New York in 1832, where he received a common school education.

What such a man as this has to say can scarcely fail to carry weight with it.

"With the hope that what I say may in some way be brought to the attention of others who, like myself, have suffered without any apparent cause, I feel constrained to relate a brief tale regarding an experience which I trust may never be repeated in my case.

"A few months ago, owing doubtless to the exacting nature of my duties as head of the fire department, I began to feel a sort of languor and listlessness, to disfigure which I was compelled to bring into play all the strength of will I could command. The feeling grew upon me, however, and in a short time it took such possession of me that it affected my appetite and caused insomnia. I approached my meals with a feeling amounting almost to nausea,

and my bed with horror at the restless night which I was almost certain was mine. Matters became so serious with me that I could no longer keep silent about myself, and speaking of it to one of my friends one day, he suggested that I try Paine's celery compound. I had purchased a bottle and before I had taken a dozen doses I knew that I had taken a good one. I felt an improvement. I continued to use it, and felt restored. My appetite is good, and I sleep well, and instead of an irksome grind my business is again a pleasure to me. I attribute this happy state of affairs to Paine's celery compound."

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